

Booklet

Sign & Symbols

Abbreviations

Acronyms

Morse code

Foreign words & phrases

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Signs & Symbols

Mathematical use

Sign	Description
Σ	Addition, sum of finite quantity
\equiv	All equal to
\approx	Almost equal or equal to
\simeq	Almost equal to
\rightarrow	Approaches the limit
\napprox	Approximately but not equal to
\cong	Approximately equal to
$\stackrel{\sim}{=}$	Approximately equal to or the image of
$:$	As, so is (ratio),
\vdash	Assertion
\asymp	Asymptotically equal to
\because	Because or since
\emptyset	Between
\bowtie	Bowtie
$\{ \}$	Braces, curly bracket
$[]$	Brackets, square bracket
$\bar{}$	Broken bar
\bullet	Bullet operator
$()$	Brackets, Circular bracket
$:=$	Colon equals
\complement	Complement
\ni	Contains as member
\triangleright	Contains as normal subgroup
\supseteq	Contains as normal subgroup or equal to
\equiv	Corresponds to
\wedge	Curly logical and
\vee	Curly logical or
\triangleq	Delta equals to
\diamond	Diamond operator
\triangleleft	Difference between
\div	Divided by
\mid	Divides
$/$	Division slash
$*$	Division times
\ntriangleleft	Does not contain as normal subgroup
\ntrianglelefteq	Does not contain as normal subgroup or equal
\nexists	Does not contains as member
\nmid	Does not divide

Sign	Description
\nVdash	Does not force
\nprec	Does not precede
\npreceq	Does not precede or equal
\nvdash	Does not prove
\nrightarrow	Does not succeed
\nrightarroweq	Does not succeed or equal
$\dot{-}$	Dot minus
$\dot{+}$	Dot plus
\mathbb{M}	Double intersection
\mathbb{N}	Double prime
\mathbb{E}	Double subset
\mathbb{D}	Double superset
\mathbb{U}	Double union
\mathbb{F}	Double vertical bar double right turnstile
\mathbb{E}	Element of
\emptyset	Empty set
\blacksquare	End of proof (q. E. D.)
$\#$	Equal and parallel to
$=$	Equal to
\cong	Equal to
$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	Equal to by definition
\geq	Equal to or greater than
\leq	Equal to or less than
\preceq	Equal to or precedes
\succeq	Equal to or succeeds
\equiv	Equals colon
\triangleq	Equiangular to
\asymp	Equivalent to
$\hat{=}$	Estimated symbol
$\hat{\geq}$	Estimates
--:	Excess
$!$	Factorial (product of all the integers up to and including a given integer)
\forall	For all
\Vdash	Forces
$/$	Fraction slash; virgule or slash
\vdash	Geometric proportion
\models	Geometrically equal to
$\hat{=}$	Geometrically equivalent to
$>$	Greater than
\ncong	Greater- than but not equal to

Sign	Description
\gtrsim	Greater-than but not equivalent to
\gtrless	Greater-than equal to or less than
\gtrsim	Greater-than or equal to
\gtrsim	Greater-than or equivalent to
\gtrdot	Greater-than with dot
\gtrsim	Greater-than or equal to
\gtrless	Greater-than or less-than
\dagger	Hermition conjugate matrix
\sim	Homothetic ((geometry) related by an expansion or contraction)
—	Horizontal bars
\equiv	Identical to
$\bullet \circ$	Image of
$\circ \bullet$	Image -Original of
\approx	Image of or approximately equal to
Δ	Increment (amount by which something increases)
∞	Infinity
\intercal	Intercalate (Insert (days) in a calendar
\cap	Intersection
∞	Inverted lazy s
\ltimes	Left normal factor semi-direct product
\times	Left semi-direct product
\dashv	Left track
$<$	Less-than
\nless	Less-than but not equal to
\nless	Less-than but not equivalent to
\lessgtr	Less-than equal to or greater than
\lessgtr	Less-than or equal to
\lessgtr	Less-than over equal to
\lessdot	Less-than with dot
\lessgtr	Less-than or equal to
\lessgtr	Less-than or equivalent to
\lessgtr	Less-than or greater-than
\wedge	Logical and
\vee	Logical or
\equiv	Measured by
μ	Micro sign
\mp	Minus or plus sign
$-$	Minus sign
\textasciitilde	Minus tilde
$-$	Minus, subtraction, negative, tension

Sign	Description
\models	Models
\gg	Much greater-than
\ll	Much less-than
\multimap	Multi-map
$::$	Multiplied by, is to (ratio)
\times	Multiply by
\bullet	Multiply by
\mathcal{U}	Multi-set
\mathcal{U}	Multi-set multiplication
\mathcal{U}	Multi-set union
n°	N degree
n'	N minute
n''	N second
∇	Nabla (triangular symbol used in maths to denote the vector differential operator)
$\bar{\wedge}$	Nand
\amalg	N-any co-product
\cap	N-any intersection
\wedge	N-any logical and
\vee	N-any logical or
\prod	N-any product
\sum	N-any summation
\cup	N-any union
\nVdash	Negated double vertical bar double right turnstile
\nsubseteq	Neither a subset of nor equal to
\nsupseteq	Neither a superset of nor equal to
\neq	Neither approximately nor actually equal to
\nlessgtr	Neither greater-than
\nlessgtrsim	Neither greater-than nor equivalent to
\nlessgtrsim	Neither greater-than nor less-than
\nlessgtrsim	Neither less-than nor equal to
\nlessgtrsim	Neither less-than nor equivalent to
\nlessgtrsim	Neither less-than nor greater-than
∇	Nor
\triangleleft	Normal subgroup of
\trianglelefteq	Normal subgroup of or equal to
\neq	Not asymptotically equal to
\nsubseteq	Not a subset of
\nsupseteq	Not a superset of
\approx	Not almost equal to
\notin	Not an element of

Sign	Description
\neq	Not equal to
\napprox	Not equivalent to
\nless	Not greater-than
\neq	Not identical to
\nless	Not less-than
\nsubset	Not normal subgroup of
\nsubseteq	Not normal subgroup of or equal to
\nparallel	Not parallel to
\nsubseteq	Not square image of or equal to
\nsubseteq	Not square original of or equal to
\nVdash	Not true
$\#$	Number sign
$\circ\bullet$	Original of
\geq	Over equal to
\parallel	Parallel to
$()$	Parentheses
∂	Partial differential
$\%$	Per cent sign
‰	Per thousand sign/per mile sign
\perp	Perpendicular
π	Pie sign
\pitchfork	Pitchfork
\pm	Plus minus
$+$	Plus, addition, positive, compression
\prec	Precede under relation
\prec	Precedes
\nprec	Precedes but not equivalent to
\preceq	Precedes or equal to
\preceq	Precedes or equivalent to
$::$	Proportion
\propto	Proportional to
$\stackrel{?}{=}$	Questioned equal to
ρ	Radius
$:$	Ratio
\sim	Reversed tilde
\backsimeq	Reversed tilde equals
\rtimes	Right normal factor semi-direct product
\ltimes	Right semi-direct product
\vdash	Right track
$^{\circ}$	Ring above
\equiv	Ring equal to

Sign	Description
\equiv	Ring in equal to
\circ	Ring operator
\setminus	Set minus
\sim	Similarity
\simeq	Sine wave
$'$	Single prime
\ni	Small contains as member
\in	Small element of
2	Square
\sqcap	Square cap
\sqcup	Square cup
\sqsubset	Square image of
\sqsubseteq	Square image of or equal to
\sqsubsetneq	Square image of or not equal to
\sqsupset	Square original of
\sqsupseteq	Square original of or equal to
\sqsupsetneq	Square original of or not equal to
\boxdot	Squared dot operator
\boxminus	Squared minus
\boxplus	Squared plus
\boxtimes	Squared times
$\stackrel{*}{=}$	Star equals
\star	Star operator
\equiv	Strictly equivalent to
\subset	Subset of
\subseteq	Subset of or equal to
\subsetneq	Subset of with not equal to
\succ	Succeeds
\succneq	Succeeds but not equivalent to
\succcurlyeq	Succeeds or equal to
\succsim	Succeeds or equivalent to
\succsim	Succeeds under relation
\supset	Superset of
\supseteq	Superset of or equal to
\supsetneq	Superset of with not equal to
\nexists	There does not exist
\exists	There exists
\therefore	Therefore
\therefore	Therefore or hence
Δ	Triangle or delta
$'''$	Triple prime

Sign	Description
\models	True
\neq	Unequal to
\cup	Union
\propto	Varies as or proportional
\ggg	Very much greater-than
\lll	Very much less-than
—	Vinculum (vincula)
\wr	Wreath product
\vee	X or
Φ	(Phi) angle
π	(Pi)angle
θ	(Theta) angle
\angle	Angle
\sphericalangle	Measured angle
L	Right angle
\triangle	Right triangle
b	Right angle with arc
\sphericalangle	Spherical angle
\odot	Circle
\circledast	Circled asterisk operator
\ominus	Circled dash
\oslash	Circled division slash
\odot	Circled dot operator
\equiv	Circled equals
\ominus	Circled minus
\oplus	Circled plus
\odot	Circled ring operator
\otimes	Circled times
\bigcirc	Circumference
$^{\circ}\text{C}$	Degree celsius
$^{\circ}\text{F}$	Degree fahrenheit
$^{\circ}$	Degree sign
\oint	Anticlockwise contour integral
\int	Bottom half integral
\oint	Clockwise contour integral
\oint	Clockwise integral
\oint	Contour integral
\iint	Double integral
\int	Integral
\iiint	Integral -triple integral

Sign	Description
\oint	Surface integral
\int	Top half integral
\iiint	Triple integral
\iiint	Volume integral
$a^{\frac{2}{3}}$	$\sqrt[3]{a^2}$
a^3	'A' cubed
a^n	'A' raised to power of a number equal 'n'
a^2	'A' squared
$\sqrt[3]{}$	Cube root
$\sqrt[3]{}$	Cube root
$\sqrt[4]{}$	Fourth root
$\sqrt{}$	Square root

General Use

Sign	Description
♀	Female sign
♂	Male sign
!	Exclamation mark
!!	Double exclamation mark
!	Inverted Exclamation mark
"	Quotation mark
#	Number sign
%	Percent mark
&	Ampersand (a punctuation mark used to represent conjunction (and))
'	Apostrophe (used to indicate the omission of one or more letters from a printed word)
(Left parenthesis (parenthesis: either of two punctuation marks (or) used to enclose textual material)
)	Right parenthesis
*	Asterisk (star-shaped character used in printing)
,	Comma (punctuation mark (,) used to indicate the separation of elements within the grammatical structure of a sentence)
-	Hyphen (punctuation mark (-) used between parts of a compound word or between the syllables of a word when the word is divided at the end of a line of text)
.	Full stop (A punctuation mark (.) placed at the end of a declarative sentence to indicate a full stop or after abbreviations)
/	Solidus (A punctuation mark used to separate related items of information)
\	Reverse solidus
?	Question mark

Sign	Description
¿	Inverted Question mark
@	Commercial At
@	At the rate of, commercial At (At: expressing a rate)
[Left square bracket
]	Right square bracket
{	Left curly bracket
}	Right curly bracket
	Vertical line
⏏	Broken bar
§	Section sign
©	Copyright sign
‹	Single left-pointing double angle quotation mark
›	Single right-pointing double angle quotation mark
«	Left-pointing double angle quotation mark
»	Right-pointing double angle quotation mark
¬	Not sign
⌞	Reversed not sign
_	Low line
-	Hyphen (punctuation mark (-) used between parts of a compound word or between the syllables of a word when the word is divided at the end of a line of text)
-	Soft hyphen
–	En dash (en: half the width of an em)
—	Em dash (em- a linear unit (1/6 inch) used in printing)
®	Registered sign
°	Degree sign
μ	Micro sign
¶	Pilcrow sign/ paragraph mark
·	Middle dot
‘	Left single quotation mark
’	Right single quotation mark
,	Single low-9 quotation mark
„	Double low-9 quotation mark
“	Left double quotation mark
”	Right double quotation mark
†	Dagger (character used in printing to indicate a cross reference or footnote)
‡	Double dagger
•	Bullet
‰	Per mille sign
™	Trade mark sign

Sign	Description
Ω	Ohm sign
◊	Lozenge
^	Circumflex accent
ˆ	Modifier letter circumflex accent
˘	Caron
`	Grave accent (accent: diacritical mark used to indicate stress or placed above a vowel to indicate a special pronunciation)
´	Acute accent
¨	Double acute accent
_	Low line
¯	Macron (diacritical mark placed above a vowel to indicate a long sound)
ˉ	Modifier letter macron
~	Tilde (diacritical mark (~) placed over the letter n in Spanish to indicate a palatal nasal sound or over a vowel in Portuguese to indicate nasalization)
˜	Small tilde
¸	Cedilla (A diacritical mark placed below the letter c to indicate that it is pronounced as an s)
ˆ	Ogonek
˘	Breve (A diacritical mark (U-shaped) placed over a vowel to indicate a short sound)
˙	Dot above
°	Ring above
¢	Care of
ℓ	Script small L
№	Número sign
△	House
©	Copyright sign
ª	Feminine Ordinal indicator

Currency

¤	Currency sign
¢	Cent sign
\$	Dollar
₫	Dong sign
€	Euro sign
₣	French Franc sign
₺	Lira sign

₪	New Sheqel sign
£	Pound sign
₹	Shilling
₨	Rupee sign
₵	Penny
¥	Yen sign
₧	Peseta sign

Medical symbols/abbreviations/Acronyms

Rx	Prescription for any disorder
℥ss	Half ounce(240 grain or 14.175 gram)
℥	Ounce (480 grain or 28.349 gram)
ʒ	Dram (1/16 ounce or 1.771 gram)
℥ss	Fluid dram (3.5516 cubic centimetre)
	Drop (minim) (0.059194 cubic centimetres)
℥ss	Half scruple(10 grains)
℥i or ℥i	One scruple (20 grains)
℥iss	Scruple and a half (30 grains)
℥ij	Two scruples
℥iij	Three scruples
Δ	diagnosis
̄	with
O	Pint (568.26 cubic centimetres)
C	One gallon (4.545 litres)
R	Take
tab	tablet
cap	capsule
syp	syrup
Inj	injection

oint	ointment
apli cap	capsule not to be swallowed
q1d	quaque (every) daily
q2d	every other day
x3d	For three days
q.d. or QD	every day
o.d. or OD	(omni die) Once daily
q.o.d. or QOD	Every other day
B D or b.i.d	(bis-in-die) Bi daily or Two (twice) times in a day
T D S or t.i.d.	(ter-in-die summands) Three times daily
q.i.d. or q.d.s.	(quater-in-die summands) Four times daily
qhs	Nightly at bed time
A/D	Alternate day
h.s.	(Hora somni) at night before going to sleep
p.c.	(post-cibem) after taking meals
b.b.f	before breakfast
stat	(statim) at-once
S.O.S	(si-opus-sit) when needed
S/L	sub-lingual
tsf	table spoon full
W/S	warm saline
S/R (diet)	salt restricted diet
N.A.D.	no abnormality detected
Q.N.S.	quantity not sufficient
I/M	intra muscular
I/V	intra-venous
S/C	(sub cutaneous) injection below the skin

R_x sign used today on pharmaceutical prescriptions comes from the astrological sign of the planet Jupiter was thought to be the most powerful of the heavenly bodies at curing disease.

Symbols

- ☸ Wheel of Dharma
- ☸ Adi Shakti
- ☸ Peace symbol

Time

s	Second
Sec	Second(s)
min	Minute(s)
h or hr	Hour(s)
D	Day
wk	Weak
mo	Month
yr	Year
Lp. Yr	Leap year

Days

Sun	Sunday
Mon	Monday
Tues	Tuesday
Wed	Wednesday
Thurs	Thursday
Fri	Friday
Sat	Saturday

Months

Jan	January
Feb	February
Mar	March
Apr	April
May	May
Jun	June
Jul	July
Aug	August
Sept	September

Oct October
 Nov November
 Dec December

1st January, 1 AD was Monday

Typographical & misc. Symbols

Symbol	Description
Σ	Addition
=	Alignment defective
~	Alter
*	Asterisk (a star-shaped character used in printing)
@	At the rate of
[]	Big or square brackets
{ }	Braces
()	Brackets
^	Caret (mark used by an author or editor to indicate where something is to be inserted into a text)
×	Change the broken type
^	Circumflex accent (diacritical mark (^) placed above a vowel in some languages to indicate a special phonetic quality)
:	Colon (A punctuation mark (:)) used after a word introducing a series or an example or an explanation (or after the salutation of a business letter)
: —	Colon and dash
©	Copy right
₹	Currency sign
d	Delete
⋮	Ellipsis - Down right diagonal ellipsis (ellipsis: Omission or suppression of parts of words or sentences)
...	Ellipsis - Midline horizontal ellipsis
⋱	Ellipsis - Up right diagonal ellipsis
⋮	Ellipsis - Vertical ellipsis
—	Em Dash
-	En dash or Hyphen
!	Exclamation mark
g	Gravity
%	Per cent
‰	Per thousand
Ital.	Print in italics
C/l.c.	Put in cap and lower case
run on	Put in the same line

Symbol	Description
Stet	Put the lines though penned through
?	Question mark
“ ”	Quotation mark
®	Registered
Rom.	Replace with Roman
§	Section
;	Semi-colon (A punctuation mark (;') used to connect independent clauses; indicates a closer relation than does a period)
/	Slash
⊥	Space appears improperly
≠	Space -Less space
#	Space -More space
¶	Start a new paragraph
∇	Tilde- Not tilde
˜	Tilde- Not tilde
~	Tilde- Tilde operator
≈	Tilde- Triple tilde
™	Trademark
tr	Transpose
C or cap	Use capital letters
l.c.	Use small letter
δ	Variation
w. f.	Wrong fount or font

Morse Alphabet

A	-. _	Short numerals (Army)	
B	- _ _ _	1	- _
C	- _ _ _ _	2	- _ _ _
D	- _ _ _	3	- _ _ _ _ _
E	-	4	- _ _ _ _
F	- _ _ _ _	5	-
G	- _ _ _ _	6	- _ _ _ _ _
H	- _ _ _	7	- _ _ _ _ _ _
I	- _	8	- _ _ _
J	- _ _ _ _ _	9	- _ _
K	- _ _ _	0	- _
L	- _ _ _ _	Long numerals (Navy)	
M	- _ _	1	- _ _ _ _ _ _ _
N	- _ _	2	- _ _ _ _ _ _
O	- _ _ _ _	3	- _ _ _ _ _
P	- _ _ _ _ _	4	- _ _ _ _ _
Q	- _ _ _ _ _	5	- _ _ _ _ _
R	- _ _ _ _ _	6	- _ _ _ _ _
S	- _ _ _	7	- _ _ _ _ _ _
T	- _ _	8	- _ _ _ _ _ _ _
U	- _ _ _ _	9	- _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
V	- _ _ _ _ _	0	- _ _ _ _ _ _ _
W	- _ _ _ _		
X	- _ _ _ _ _		
Y	- _ _ _ _ _ _		
Z	- _ _ _ _ _ _		
Special signals			
Full stop	- _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Oblique stroke	- _ _ _ _ _ _
Inverted commas	- _ _ _ _ _ _ _	Horizontal bar	- _ _ _ _ _ _ _
Brackets	- _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	hyphen	- _ _ _ _ _ _ _
underline	- _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	break	- _ _ _ _ _ _ _
Before commencing numerals, signal F. I - _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (numerals intended) and after end of numerals, signal F. F., - _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (figures finished).			

Abbreviations & Acronyms

Computer

Internet Lingo

BTW	By the way
F2F	Face to face, a personal meeting
FCOL	For crying out loud
FWIW	For what it's worth
FYI	For your information
GOK	God only knows
HHOK	Ha, ha—only kidding
HHOS	Ha, ha—only serious
IMHO	In my humble opinion
IMO	In my opinion
LOL	Laughing out loud
OTOH	On the other hand
ROFL	Rolling on the floor laughing
ROTFL	Rolling on the floor laughing
TAFN	That's all for now

Emoticons, or smiley

: -)	Smile
; -)	Wink
: - *	Kiss
: - (Unhappy
: - o	Shouting
: - b...	Drooling
=:o	Argh!
{*}	A hug and a kiss
:p	Razz

Others

ASCII	
BBS	bulletin board system
BIO	basic input/output system
BIOS	
CDA	Communications decency act
CD-RW	Rewritable compact disc
CPU	Central Processing Unit
CRL	Certificate revocation list
CA	Certification authority
CTL	Certificate trusted list
CHAP	Challenge handshake authentication protocol

MD	Message digest
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Universal

Å	Angstrom (used to specify wavelengths of electromagnetic radiation)
A.	Academician, Academy
a. b.	Able bodied (seaman)
A. C.	Alternating current, Anti Christian (before Christ)
A. D.	Anno Domini (In the year of our Lord)
a. d. c.	Aid-de-camp
A. G.	Attorney General
A. R.	Anno regni (In the year of the reign)
a. w. l.	Absent with leave
A.A.A.	Armature Athletic Association; associate of Arts
a.d.	Ante diem (before the day)
A.U.	atomic unit(s)
a/c	Account
A/C	Account of
a/d	After date
A/S	Account sales
AA	Alcoholics current
ab.	About
abbr.	Abbreviated; Abbreviation
abbrev	Abbreviated; Abbreviation
Abd.	Abdicated
abl.	Ablative
abr.	Abridged; Abridgement
abs.	Absolutely; Abstract
Acad.	Academy
acc.	Acceptance; Account
acct.	Account
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone (A hormone produced by the anterior pituitary gland that stimulates the adrenal cortex)
ad. fin.	Ad finem (at the end)
ad. inf.	Ad infinitum (to infinity)
ad. int.	Ad interim (in the meantime)
ad. lib.	Ad libitum (at pleasure)
adj.	Adjective
Adm.	Admiral
admr.	Administrator
adv.	Ad valorem; Advocate
Adv.	Advent

AEC	Atomic Energy Commission
AF	Anglo-French
AFB	Air Force Base
aff.	Affectionate; Affirmative
afft.	Affidavit
afr.	Africa; African
agr.	Agriculture; Agricultural
agric	Agriculture; Agricultural
agt.	Agent
AID	Agency for International Development
AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome
aka	also known as
alg.	Algebra
alt.	Alternate; Altitude
AM or a.m.	Anti meridiem (before noon), amplitude modulation
AM	Anno Mundi "the year of the world"
amp	ampere(s)
amt	Amount
amu	atomic mass unit(s)
anal	Analogous; Analogy ; Analysis; Analytic
anat.	Anatomy
anc.	ancient
anon.	Anonymous
ans.	Answer
ant.	Antonym; Antiquarian
antilog	antilogarithm
APB	all points bulletin
APO	Army Post Office
app.	Appendix; Appointed
approx.	Approximately
apt.	Apartment
Arab.	Arabian; Arabic
Arch.	Architect
arith.	Arithmetic
arr.	Arranged; Arrived; Arrivals
art.	Article; Artificial
ASAP	As soon as possible
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
assd.	Assigned
assn.	Association
assoc.	Associate; Association
asst.	Assistant

astr.	Astronomer; Astronomy
astrol.	Astrologer; Astrology
astron.	Astronomer; Astronomy
at. wt.	Atomic weight
at. no.	atomic number
ATM	Automated teller machine
atm	atmosphere
atty.	Attorney
Auth. Ver.	Authorised Version
Authy.	Authority
auxil.	Auxiliary
av.	Average; Avenue
avdp.	avoirdupois (Fr., <i>avoir de pois</i>), unit of weight
Ave.	Avenue
avg.	average
AWOL	Absent without leave
az.	Azure
b.	Born, Base; Bass; Battery
B. A.	Bachelor of Arts
B. Agr.	Bachelor of Agriculture
B. C. L.	Bachelor of Civil Law
b. e.	Bill of exchange
B. E.	Bachelor of Engineering
b. h. p.	Brake Horse Power
b. l.	Bill of landing, Bachelor of laws
B. Litt	Bachelor of literature
B. M.	Bachelor of Medicine
b. rec.	Bills receivable
B. S.	Bachelor of surgery
B. Sc.	Bachelor of Science
B. V. M.	Beta Virgo Maria (Blessed virgin Mary)
b.o.	Buyer's option
b.p.	Below proof, boiling point; bill of parcels; Bills payable
b.s.	Balance sheet
bal.	Balance
Bar.	Barometer; Barometric, Barrel
barr	Barrister (lawyer who speaks in the higher courts of law on behalf of either the defence or prosecution)
Batt	Battery
bbl	Barrel(s)
BC	Before Christ
BCE	Before common era

bd ft	board foot, board feet (volume of a piece of wood 1 foot square and 1 inch thick)
bd.	Board
bdl.	Bundle
bf	boldface
bg.	Bag
biog.	Biographer; Biography
bk.	Bank; Book
Bkg.	Banking
bldg	Building
Blvd.	boulevard
Boil.	Biology; Biologist
bor.	borough
Bot.	Botanical, botanist, botany
BP	Basic pay
bpd	Barrels per day
br.	Branch
Brig.	Brigadier
bro.	brother(s)
bros.	Brothers
BS	Bachelor of science
Btu	British thermal unit
bul.	Bulletin
c	Circa (about), copyright
C	celsius, centigrade (thermometer) ; catholic
c.	Carton; cathode; cent
c.	centime; centimetre; cubic; century; current
C. A.	Controller of account; Chartered Accountant
C. E.	Chief Engineer, Civil Engineer
C. P.	Court of probate
c.f.& i.	Cost, freight & insurance
c.f.i	Cost, freight & insurance
c.i.f.	Cost insurance & freight
C.J.	Chief Justice
C.O.D.	Cash, or collect, on delivery
C.S.	Civil service
c.w.o.	Cash with order
c/o	Care of
Cal	large calorie(s)
cal.	Calendar; calends; Calorie(s)
cap.	Capital
Capt.	Captain

car.	Carat; carpentry
cash	Cashier
cat	Catalogue
CC	closed-captioned
CCA	City compensatory allowance
cd	candela (Lat., "candle"), unit of luminous intensity
CD	certificate of deposit; compact disk
CDC	Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
CD-ROM	compact disk-read only memory
CE	Common era
cent	Centigrade; central; Century; centum
CEO	Chief executive officer
cert	Certificate; certify
certif.	Certificate; certificated
cf.	compare
CFO	Chief financial officer
CGEHS	Central Government Employees Health Scheme
CGS	Centimetre-gram-second
cgs	centimetre-gram-second
chap.	Chapter
chem.	Chemistry
chron.	Chronological; chronology
chs.	Chapters
cit.	Cited; citizen
civ.	Civilian; civil
cl.	Clause; class
cld.	Cleared
clk.	Clerk
cm	centimetre(s)
cml	commercial
CO	Commanding Officer
Co.	Company
col	college
Col.	Colonel
COLA	Cost Of Living Allowance
com	Commission; committee
Com. Ver.	Common Version
Comdr.	Commander
comp.	compiled, compiler
con	Contra (against)
Cong.	congress; congressional
conj	conjunction

constn.	construction
cont	contents
Contd	continued
contemp	contemporary
Corp.	Corporation
coul	coulomb(s)
Cp	Compare
CPA	Certified Public Account
Cpl.	Corporal
CPO	Chief Petty Officer
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
cps	coupons
cr	credit
cu or cub	cubic
cur	currency; current
D	Date, Day, Degree
d.	died
d. d.	days after date
D. D.	Demand Draft
D. D. S.	Doctor of Dental Surgery (or science)
D. L. O.	Dead Letter Office
D. Lit	Doctor of Literature
D. O. M.	Deo Optimo Maxima (to God, the best, the greatest)
D. Sc.	Doctor of Science
D.C.	District court
D.T.'s	delirium tremens
d/o	daughter of
DA	District Attorney, Dearness Allowance
dau	daughter
dB	decibel(s)
DD	Doctor of Divinity
DDT	Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
deb	debenture
def	definition
deft	defendant
deg	degree
Dept	Department
Deut.	Deuteronomy
dft	draft
Dia	Diameter
diam	diameter
dim.	dimension; diminuendo

disct	discount
dist	District
div	divide, divided, divisor
div	dividend
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid
DNR	Do not rusticate
do	Ditto
DOA	Dead On Arrival
dol	Dollar
dow	Dowager
Doz	Dozen
DP	Displaced Person
Dpt	Department, deponent
Dr	Doctor
DR	Dearness Relief
DST	Daylight Saving Time
DWI	Driving while intoxicated
E	Earth, East, Eastern
E. E.	Executive engineer; Electrical engineer
E. M. F.	Electromotive force
e.g.	Exempli gratia (for example)
ea.	Each
Eccl.	Ecclesiastes
ed.	edited, edition, editor(s)
edit	Edition
EKG	Electrocardiogram
elec	Electrical, electrician
encl.	enclosure
eng	Engineer
Eng.	English
Engg	Engineering
enl.	enlarged
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
Eph.	Ephesians
eq	Equal, equivalent
ERA	earned run average; Equal Rights Amendment
ESP	Extrasensory perception
esp	Especially
ESP	Extrasensory perception
espec	Especially
Esq	Esquire
Est	Established

estab	Established
et al	et alii (and other people)
et alii	And others
et el	Et alibi (and elsewhere)
et seq	Et sequens, and the following
etc	Et cetera (and all the rest, and others, and so forth, and the like)
EU	European Union
eV	electron volts
ex	Example, executive, extract
Exod.	Exodus
expl	Explosives
F	Fahrenheit
fac.	facsimile (Lat., <i>fac simile</i> "make similar")
Fahr	Fahrenheit
fam	Familiar, family
fcap	Foolscap
fem	Feminine
ff	Folios, following (pages)
fig	Figure
Fl	Fluid
fl.	flourished
FM	frequency modulation
fo	Folio
FOB	Free on board
ft-lb	foot-pound(s)
FY	Financial year
FYI	For your information
G	gauss
g	Gauge
G. C. M.	General Court Martial
G. M.	General Manager
G. P. O.	General Post Office
g.c.d.	Greatest common divisor
g.c.m.	Greatest common measure
gal	Gallon
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
gaz	Gazette, gazetteer
GB	Gigabyte(s)
GDP	Gross domestic product
Gen.	general
Geom.	Geometry
GeV	billion electron volts

GHz	Gigahertz
GIGO	garbage in, garbage out
GMT	Greenwich mean time
GNP	Gross national product
gov	Governnor
govt	government
gr	gross
h.c.f	highest common factor
Hon.	the Honourable
Hosp	Hospital
hp	Horse Power
HRA	House rent allowance
ht	Height
HVAC	Heating, ventilating & air-conditioning
hwy.	highway
Hz	hertz or cycle(s) per second
i. e.	Id est. (that is)
i.h.p.	Indicated horsepower
ibid	Ibidem (in the same place)
ICBM	Inter Continental Ballistic Missile
ID	identification
id	Idem (the same)
IGY	International Geophysical Year
illus	Illustration
IMF	International monetary fund
in trans	In transit (on the way)
inc.	incorporated
incl	including
incor	incorporated
insp	inspector
Inst	Institute
int	interest
IOU	I Owe You
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
IR	Interim Relief
ISBN	International Standard Book Number
IST	Indian Standard Time
ital.	italic (print)
IWW	Industrial Workers of the World
J	Joul(s), Judge; Justice
J. A.	Judge Advocate
JD	Juris doctor (doctor of law)

JP	Justice of the peace
Jr.	Junior
Judg.	Judges
K	Kelvin, karat; kilobyte(s); knockout
KB	Kilobyte(s)
kc	kilocycle(s)
kg	kilogram(s)
kg m	kilogram meter(s)
km/hr	kilometres per hour
KO	knockout
kw	Kilowatt(s)
kwh	Kilowatt-hour(s)
l.c.m.	Least common multiple
L. S. D.	Librae, solidi, denarii (Pounds, shillings, pence)
l.c.	Lower case
L/C	Letter of credit
lat	latitude
leg	Legal lit
Lieut. Or Lt.	lieutenant
LL.B	Bachelor of Laws (Legum Baccalaureus)
LL.D	Legum Doctor (Doctor of Laws)
loc. cit.	Loco citato (in the place cited)
log	Logarithm
lon	Longitude
long	longitude
LP	long-playing record
LSD	lysergic acid diethylamide
Lt.	Lieutenant
Ltd.	Limited
M. A.	Magister Artium (Master of Arts)
M. D.	Medicinæ Doctor (Doctor of Medicine), medical doctor
M. E.	Mechanical Engineer; Mining Engineer
M. O.	Money Order
M. S.	Master of Science; Master of Surgery
m. s. l.	Mean sea level
M.C.	master of ceremonies
m.p.	melting point
mach	Machinery
Mad	Madam
Mag	Magazine
Maj.	Major
man.	Manual

masc.	masculine
mass no.	mass number
Max	Maximum
MB	Megabyte(s)
meas.	Measure
mech	Mechanics, mechanical
Messrs	Messieurs
MeV	million electron volts
MFN	Most favoured nation
mfr	Manufacturer
MIA	Missing in action
Minn., MN	Minnesota
Misc.	Miscellaneous
mks	meter-kilogram-second
Mme	Madame
mol. Wt.	Molecular weight
MP	Military Police
mph	miles per hour
Mr.	Mister
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
Mrs.	Mistress
MS, MSS	Manuscript
MSG	monosodium glutamate
Msgr.	Monsignor
Mt., Mts.	mount, mountain, mountains
MVP	most valuable player
myth	Mythology
N	north; Newton(s)
<i>N</i>	normal (unit of measure)
n. d.	no date
N. B.	Nota bene (note carefully)
N. B.	Note well or take notice
N. P.	Notary Public
NAACP	National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
naut	Nautical
NCO	non-commissioned officer
NE	northeast
neg	Negative
No or no	Numero (by number)
nol. pros	nolle prosequi (To be unwilling to prosecute)

non seq	Non sequitur (It does not follow)
Num	Numbers
NW	northwest
OD	Doctor of optometry
O. E.	Omissions Excepted
O. K.	Correct; all right
o/a	On account (of)
ob	Obit (he or she died)
obl	Oblique
obs	Observation; obsolete
OED	Oxford English Dictionary
OK	Correct; all right
Op.	opus (work)
op. cit.	opere citato (Lat., "in the work cited")
OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
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opp	Opposite
p, pp	Page(s)
p. a.	Per annum
P. M. or p.m.	Post Meridiem (afternoon)
p. m.	Post Mortem
pm	Premium
P. O. D.	Pay on delivery
P.S.	<i>post scriptum</i> (Lat., "postscript"); Public School
P/A	Power of attorney; Private account
PAC	political action committee
PC	Personal computer
Pd	Paid
per an	Per annum (by the year)
pers	Person; personal
Ph. B.	Philosophiæ Baccalaureus (Bachelor of Philosophy)
Ph. D.	Philosophiæ Doctor (Doctor of Philosophy)
Ph. G.	Graduate in Pharmacy
Pkg	Package
Pl.	Place
pl.	plural
PO	Petty Officer
pop.	population
POP	Plaster of Paris
POW	Prisoner of war
Pph	Pamphlet
pro tem	<i>pro tempore</i> (Lat., "for the time being")

Prof.	professor
Prov.	Proverbs
pt	part(s)
PTA	Parent-Teacher Association
pub.	published; publisher
Pvt.	Private
q.v.	quod vide (which see)
R	Reaumur; Roentgen
R and D	Research and Development
R.	River
R. H. S	Right hand side
R. I. P.	Requiescat in pace (May he, or she; rest in peace)
R. S. V. P.	Repondez, s'il vous plait (Reply, if you please)
R.N.	Registered Nurse
radar	Radio detecting & ranging
RAM	random-access memory
Rd.	road
RDA	recommended daily allowance
Re	Rupee
Reaum	Reaumur
rec	Receipt; recipe
recd	Received
ref	Reference; referred
REM	Rapid eye movement
repr.	reprinted
retd	Returned
rev	Revenue; reverse
rev.	Reverend; revised
Rh factor	Rhesus factor
RN	registered nurse
ROM	read-only memory
rpm	Revolutions per minute
rpt	report
RR	railroad
Rs.	Rupees
S	south
S or s	Shilling
s. g.	Specific gravity
S.T.D.	Doctor of Sacred theology
SASE	Self addressed stamped envelope
sci	Science; scientific
SE	Southeast; superintending engineer

sec	Section
sect	Section
Sgt.	Sergeant
Sh or sh	Share
SIDS	Sudden infant death syndrome
sing.	singular
SIM	Subscriber Identification Module
Skt.	Sanskrit
sp.gr.	specific gravity
spec.	specialist
sq	square
Sr.	Senior
SRO	Standing room only
SS	ship; steamship
St.	Saint, street
Ste.	Sainte
STP	standard temperature and pressure
SW	southwest
T	Temperature; time
T. M.	True mean
TB	tuberculosis
tbsp.	tablespoon
temp.	temperature
TGIF	Thank God it's Friday
TKO	technical knockout
TNT	trinitrotoluene, trinitrolvol
trans.	translated, translation, translator(s)
tsp.	teaspoon
TV	television
u. s. w.	und so weiter (and so forth)
U.K.	United Kingdom
U.S.	United States
UFO	Unidentified flying object
UHF	Ultra high frequency
UN	United Nations
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
USA	United States Army
usu	Usual; usually
UT	universal time, Utah
V	volt(s)
v.	Versus (against), verse

VAT	value-added tax
VCR	Video cassette recorder
Ved.	Vedic
VHF	Very High Frequency
vid	Vide
VIP	very important person
viz	Videlicet (namely)
vol	volume
VVIP	Very Very Important Person
W	Watt(s), West
WHO	World health organization
wt	weight
x	an unknown quantity
Xmas	Christmas
YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association
YMHA	Young Men's Hebrew Association
XX	Powdered sugar
XXXX	Confectioners' sugar
Y	Yard, An unknown quantity or a variable
YA	Young Adult
YB	Year Book
yr	Year
yuppie	Young urban professional
YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association
zool	Zoological; zoologist; Zoology

Foreign Words & Phrases

a bon marche		Cheap; a good bargain
a fortiori		With stronger reason
ab initio		From the beginning
ab ovo		From the egg; from the beginning
ad hoc	Latin	Arranged for this purpose at hand, special
ad finem	Latin	at the end
ad infinitum	Latin	without end; forever
ad interim	Latin	in the mean time
ad libitum	Latin	At pleasure; as much as one pleases
ad nauseam	Latin	to a sickening degree
ad rem		To the purpose; To the point
ad valorem		According to the value

addenda/ addendum		List of additions, things to be added
alter ego		Another self; A close friend who is very like himself
amour propre		Self-love; vanity
anguis in herba		A snake in the grass; unsuspected danger
apropos	French	relevant
ars longa, vita drevis		Art is long, life is short
au revoir		Until we meet again
bête noire	French	a thing or person viewed with particular dislike
bon ami		Good friend
bon appétit	French	have a good meal!
bon voyage		A good voyage or journey to you
bona fides (bona fide)	Latin	genuine ;good faith (in good faith).
c'est la vie	French	that's life
carpe diem		Enjoy the present day; improve the time
carte blanche	French	full discretionary power
casus belli		That which causes or justifies war
cause célèbre	French	a notorious incident
cave canem		Beware of the dog
caveat emptor		Let the purchaser beware
chutzpah	Yiddish	nerve bordering on arrogance
corpus delicti		The body of the crime
corrigenda		Things to be corrected, a list of errors
coup d'état	French	overthrow of an existing government by a small group
coup de grâce	French	the final blow
crème de la crème	French	the best of the best
cui bono		For whose advantage? Who will benefit?
cul-de-sac		A blind alley
cum laude/magna cum laude/summa cum laude	Latin	with praise or honour/great praise or honour/highest praise or honour
Demi Official (D.O.)		Letter written in private form on official topics

d'accord		In agreement
de facto		Actually
de facto	Latin	in fact, though not by right
de jure	Latin	in accordance with right or law; officially
de novo		A new
de rigueur	French	necessary according to convention or etiquette
dei gratia		By the grace of God
déjà vu	French	the sensation that something happening has happened before
demurrage		Detention/ delay
détente	French	an easing of strained relations
dum spiro, spero		While I breathe, I hope
emeretus		Retired or superannuated after long service
éminence grise	French	one who wields power behind the scenes
en masse	French	in a large body
enfant terrible	French	one whose unconventional behaviour causes embarrassment
ergo	Latin	therefore
errata		List of errors
esprit de corps	French	group spirit; feeling of camaraderie
et alibi		and elsewhere
et alli		and others
et. el.(et alibi)		And elsewhere
et. sequens		And the following
ex nihilo nihil fit		Out of nothing, nothing comes
ex parte		From one party or side
ex post facto	Latin	retroactive(ly); After the deed is done
exempli gratia (e.g.)		For example
fait accompli	French	an accomplished fact; A thing already done
faux pas	French	a social blunder
fiat lux		Let there be light
Habeas corpus		(that) you have the body
hoi polloi	Greek	the masses
humanum est errare		To err is human

ibidem (ibid)		At the same place, (in the book)
id est (i.e.)		That is, Often is
idem (Id)		Same
idem quod (I.q)		The same as
Impasse		A deadlock; an insurmountable difficulty
in loco parentis	Latin	in place of a parent
in memoriam	Latin	in memory of
in situ	Latin	in the original place or position
in statu quo		In the former state
in terrorem		As a warning
in toto	Latin	Totally; Completely
incognito		On secret
infra dig		Beneath one's dignity
infra dignitatem		Below one's dignity
inter alia		Among other things
ipso fact		By that very fact
je ne sais quoi)	French	I don't know what; the little something that eludes description
joie de vivre	French	zest for life
labor omnia vincit		Labour conquers everything
lacuna		A vacant space, gap
lapsus calami		A slip of the pen
littera scripta manet		The written words remains
loco citato (Loc. Cit)		In the place quoted
lump sum		Paid down at once / great quantity
mala fide		With bad faith
mea culpa	Latin	through my fault; My fault
melee		A confused conflict
memento mori		Remember that you must die; a reminder to death
mens sana in corpore sano		Sound mind in sound body
modus operandi	Latin	method of operation; Manner of working

modus vivendi		Manner of living (used of a temporary working agreement or compromise)
mon ami		My friend (masculine)
mutatis mutandis		With due alteration of details; With the necessary changes
ne plus ultra		Nothing further; the uttermost point; perfection
net/ nett/ netto		Free from all deductions
noblesse oblige	French	the obligation of nobility to help the less fortunate
nolle prosequi		to be unwilling to prosecute
non compos mentis	Latin	not of sound mind
non sequitur		it does not follow
nota bene		Note carefully or take notice
nouveau riche	French	a person newly rich; perhaps one who spends money conspicuously
omnia vincit amor		Love conquers all things
opere citare (op. cit.)		In the referred to (in the work cited)
ora et labora		Pray and work
persona non grata	Latin	unwelcome person
poco a poco		Little by little
postmortem	Latin	after death; autopsy; analysis after an event
prima donna	Italian	a principal female opera singer; temperamental person
prima facie		At first view (or consideration)
Prime cost		That at which merchant buy
pro bono		Free of cost
pro bono publico		For the good of the public
pro et contra		(Pros & cons) For and against
Pro forma		For the sake of form
pro patria		For our country
Pro rat		According to rate or proportion
Pro tem (pro tempore)		For the time being
pro tempore	Latin	for the time being

Quantum Libet (Q.L.)		As much as, you please
que sera sera	Spanish	what will be will be
quid pro quo	Latin	something given or received for something else
quod hoc		To this extent
quod vide (q.v.)		Which see
raison d'être	French	reason for being
repondez, s'il vous plaît (R. S. V. P.)		Please reply.
requiescat in pace (R. I.P.)		May he, or she; rest in peace
Resume		A summary or abstract
sans souci		Without care
savoir faire	French	dexterity in social affairs
schlemiel	Yiddish	an unlucky, bungling person
semper fidelis	Latin	always faithful
sicut anti		As before
Sine cura		Without charge or care
sine die		Without a day being appointed
soi-disant		Self styled
status quo	Latin	existing order of things; The state in which; the existing condition
stet		Let it stand; do not delete
sub judice		Under consideration
sub rosa		Under the rose; confidentially
tant pis		So much the worse
terra firma	Latin	solid ground
terra incognita		An unknown country
toties quoties		Every time, on each occasion
tour de force	French	feat accomplished through great skill
una voce		With one voice; unanimously
und so weiter		And so forth
ut infra		As below
ut supra		As above

verbatim	Latin	word for word
Verbatim et libratim		Word for word and letter for letter
vice versa		The terms being exchanged
vide ut supra		See what is stated above
vis-a-vis		Opposite; face to face
vis-à-vis		compared with; with regard to; with respect to
viz. (Vidlecet)		Namely
voila tout		That's all
zum beispiel		For example